



Olinus Otis Howard
Major-Gen. U.S. Army
Jan. 3rd 1908

Born Leeds, Me., November 8, 1830.
 Died Burlington, Vt., October 26, 1909.
 Graduated Bowdoin College, 1850.
 Graduated West Point, United States Academy, 1854.

Assistant professor of mathematics, West Point, 1857-61.

Colonel of the Third Maine Volunteers, June, 1861.

Brigadier-general, September, 1861.

Major-general, November, 1862.

In battles Fair Oaks, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, and Chattanooga.

In command of the Eleventh Army Corps, the Fourth Army Corps, and the Army of the Tennessee.

In command of the right wing of Sherman's army in the "March to the Sea."

Brevetted major-general in the regular army, March, 1865.

General Sherman said of General Howard, "As pure a man as ever lived, a strict Christian, and a model soldier." In "Sherman and His Campaigns" is this estimate of General Howard's character: "A fervent and devoted Christian, not only in his belief, but in his daily life; conscientious to a degree in the performance of the smallest duty, Howard presents a rare combination of qualities no less grand than simple, equally to be imitated for their virtue and loved for their humanity."

General Howard was United States commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, 1865-74.

He established Howard University, Washington, D. C., a national university for the education of colored youth, and was its president, 1869-73. (See pages 306-309.)

He conducted the operations against the Nez Perces Indians in 1877, and the Bannocks in 1878.

Appointed major-general in the regular army, 1866, and retired from the service in 1894.

He founded Lincoln Memorial University in 1895, at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., and was its only president. He was very active at the time of his death in securing endowment for this institution.

General Howard was a distinguished member of the Clifton Conference, occupying a place of honor in its councils and in its work. His presence, with that of Gen. Robert D. Johnston, of Alabama, who was a Confederate soldier, made the Conference historic and notable. (See page 19 for portraits of these two distinguished generals among the flowers at Clifton, August, 1908.)

A synopsis of the address of General Howard on "The Negro as a Free Man" is published on pages 37-39 of this book. General Howard participated freely and helpfully in the discussions of the conference.